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SUBJ: CURRENT FMD SITUATION IN CHOCO

REF: BOGOTA 0862

1. NUMBER OF BOVINES INFECTED WITH FMD HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREAS-
ING SINCE OUTBREAK BEGAN ON JAN 23. AS OF FEB 8 TOTAL OF 143
ANIMALS ON INFECTED PREMISES (TANELA RANCH) HAVE EVIDENCED FOOT
AND MOUTH LESIONS. LESIONS APPEAR TO BE RATHER BENIGN.

2. ON FEB 10 COLOM AUTHORITIES AGREED TO ERADICATE ALL ANIMALS
ON TANELA RANCH. THIS INVOLVES APPROXIMATELY 700 BOVINES AND 100
PORCINES. IN ADDITION, FOUR ANIMALS ON RANCH ADJOINING TANELA
ON THE WEST SHOWED SIGNS OF INFECTION AND ENTIRE HERD OF 65 HAS
BEEN MARKED AND MOVED TO TANELA RANCH. AN ANIMAL FROM TANELA ALSO
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JUMPED TANELA FENCE AND MIXED WITH 50 ANIMALS ON RACH ON NORTH-

EAST TANELA BOUNDARY. THESE ANIMALS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER OBSERVATION AND PROBABLY WILL BE SACRIFICED. ANOTHER GROUP OF ANIMALS MOVED FROM TANELA TO A RANCH NEAR TARENA IS ALSO UNDER OBSERVATION.

3. ENTIRE ACANDI MUNICIPALITY IS UNDER QUARANTINE WITH ALL ANIMAL MOVEMENTS PROHIBITED. ALTHOUGH QUARANTINE AT TANELA IS NOT AS STRONG AS WOULD BE DESIRED, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES US SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR BEASLEY CONSIDERS IT ADEQUATE. ANIMALS ON RANCHES WITHIN 100 IM RADIUS ARE UNDERGOING DAILY INSPECTIONS.

4. EXCAVATION OF BURIAL SITE BEGAN FEB 10 AND APPRAISAL OF ANIMALS TO BE SLAUGHTERED SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEB 12. BEASLEY IS NOW IN CHOCO TO OBSERVE APPRAISAL AND SLAUGHTER WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER APPRAISAL. CURRENT ESTIMATE IS THAT 1,000 ANIMALS WILL BE SACRIFICED.

5. QUESTION OF INDEMNITY NOT YET RESOLVED. HOWEVER ICA AUTHORITIES (SPECIFICALLY DR. IGNACIO PAREDES, DIR OF FMD PROGRAMS) HAVE INFORMED TANELA OWNER THAT NO INDEMNITY WILL BE PAID IF ICA INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES THAT ANIMALS WERE MOVED FROM OUTSIDE OF AREA I TO RANCH. IN ANY EVENT INDEMNITY WILL HAVE TO BE PAID TO OWNERS OF ANIMALS SACRIFICED ON ADJOINING RANCHES.
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